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-rorism awareness training is now an annual requirement for all active-duty military regardless of duty station.

“Furthermore, level-one training is also now required annually for all (Defense Department) personnel who are based overseas or eligible for overseas

deployment,” Allen said. “Previously, training was only required within six months of deploying or (making a permanent change of station move) overseas.”

For more information on FPCONs or antiterrorism training, contact 1st Lt.

Andy Sheehan, 8th Fighter Wing security forces anti-terrorism force protection officer, at 782-4566.

Force protection videos will air on the Kunsan Air Base Commander’s Access Channel (Channel 12) daily at 9 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Legal warns against credit card fraud

*By Staff Sgt. Heather Shelton
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With today’s technological advances, credit cards are being used more frequently. While they may seem to make life easier, a quick swipe and signature could cause financial problems. Servicemembers stationed overseas are encouraged to guard against credit card misuse and fraud by staying vigilant.

Below are a few tips provided by the Federal Consumer Information Center to help prevent credit card fraud.

- Sign cards when they arrive, so no one can forge your signature on the cards and use them.
- Keep a record of your card numbers and expiration dates and the phone number of the card issuer in a safe place. If your card is stolen or missing, notify the card company immediately.
- Don’t give your credit card number over the phone to unfamiliar companies or to people who say they need it to “verify” your identity in order to give you a prize.

- Destroy carbons and incorrect charge slips.
- Draw a line through blank spaces on charge slips. Do not sign a blank charge slip.
- Keep copies of all sales slips. Open credit card bills promptly and compare the sales slips with the charges on your bill.
- Report billing errors and unauthorized charges to your credit card company right away.

For more information on credit card use visit the FCIC website at www.pueblo.gsa.gov/crh/moneytips.htm.

“If your card is lost or stolen, you are not liable for any charges if you report the loss before the card is used,” said Capt. Kelli Donley, 8th Fighter Wing legal office, “however, if the card is used before you report it missing, the most you will owe is \$50.”

For more information on credit card fraud or misuse, call the legal office at 782-4283. Walk-in hours for legal assistance are 9-11 a.m. Monday and Wednesday, and 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Bldg. 755.

Army re-up bonuses increase in 121 MOSs

*By Army Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
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WASHINGTON — Re-enlistment bonuses increased this quarter in 121 military occupational specialties for soldiers with critical job skills.

The re-enlistment goal for this fiscal year to date is 14,991 for initial-term soldiers with 15,643 re-enlisted, and for mid-career soldiers it’s 17,832 with 18,998 signed up.

The retention program is managed in three major categories: initial-term for soldiers with 17 months to six years of service; mid-career for soldiers with six to 10-years of service; and career soldiers with 10 or more years of service.

At the same time, bonuses were reduced in 54 other specialties. Soldiers in a total of 240 MOSs are being offered bonuses to re-enlist, stay or move to one of the target SRB installations.

Currently, installations on the target Selective Re-enlistment Bonus list are all locations in Korea; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Stewart, Ga.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Drum, N.Y.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort

Polk, La.; and Fort Sill, Okla.

Bonuses for target SRBs are offered to fill critical skills at locations where those skills are short, said Army Sgt. Maj. Tony Rose, senior career counselor in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

The TSRBs are paid to soldiers at a higher level than the conventional SRBs, Rose added.

Additionally, soldiers who re-enlist for TSRBs are also stabilized longer, Rose said. A tour in Korea would increase to 18 months instead of the normal 12-month tour, he said.

“Conventional SRBs are applied to MOSs that are 10 percent below their required operating strength. Then depending on the Army’s need, they may be increased, decreased or deleted on a quarterly basis,” Rose said.

The maximum bonus offered by the Army is \$20,000. However, as an exception a satellite communication systems operator-maintainer (31C) can now receive up to \$30,000 and a Korean linguist (98G) can receive up to \$40,000, Rose said.

SRBs are calculated by multiplying base pay times the number of years the

soldier is re-enlisting for times the SRB multiplier.

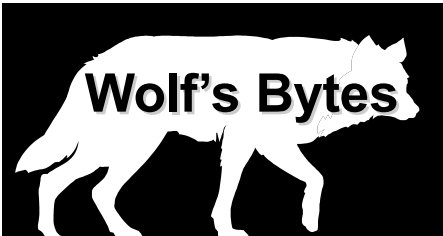
Soldiers can re-enlist for a minimum of three years to a maximum of six. The higher the SRB multiplier and the more years the soldier re-enlists for gives the highest payment, Rose said.

“Changes to the SRBs and TSRBs will go into affect July 27. The data is tracked to see if our goals are being met,” Rose said. “If our goals aren’t being met then we may increase the bonus in increments of .5 until it produces the number of soldiers we’re looking for.”

The Army budgeted \$60.9 million for new re-enlistment contracts and \$49 million for anniversary payments during the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, said Ron Canada, chief of the Enlisted Retention Management Division, Total Army Personnel Command.

So far, Rose said the SRB program has been a success story.

“SRBs play a major role in the Army accomplishing or exceeding its retention mission. It is a behavior modifier that influences soldiers to re-enlist when they may not have if the SRB had not been available,” he said.



General John Jumper was recently confirmed as the next Air Force chief of staff. On June 27, he spoke at a senior NCO Academy Graduation. His words struck a chord in me and I would like to share some of his thoughts with the Wolf Pack.

Throughout General Jumper’s career, he grew up among heroes—heroes that carried around with them a certain combination of emotional, intellectual and moral qualities that can be defined as “character.” Character is not an definitive word to define—it goes well beyond the dictionary definition. Looking deeper, in essence, it’s the virtue within us all that elevates the human spirit and compels us to reach beyond ourselves to seek more.

When General Jumper entered the Virginia Military Institute in 1962, the cadet Regimental Commander, Josiah Bunting, made quite an impression on the future general. The cadet went on to become a Rhodes Scholar, U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran, and was devoted to higher education having been a professor at the United States Military Academy and president of several colleges. This is where Jumper heard him render the finest definition of character he ever heard. Bunting said, “Character is integrity projected over time.” And then he reminded his audience that the Indo-European root word integrity is “tag”—to touch. Literally translated, the word integrity means “that within us cannot be touched.”

Integrity, as we know, is one of our core values. So this virtue of character is about institution, but also about individuals. According to General Jumper, this character we seek to define is the fire of conscience that burns within us and superintends our conduct over a lifetime. In today’s world, character is out of vogue in which these standards are set more by the culture of Beavis and Butthead, or the Simpsons, than by the standards of the unique men known as our founding fathers: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson or James Madison. They wrote the history of their time with powerful words that will live forever in The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution and The Federalist Papers. Pen flowed onto paper with words that we often don’t hear today describing the supreme traits of virtue and character that inspired them. Words that had meaning such as Contenance: self-restraint; the ability to refrain from impulse; Disinterested: Free of selfish motive; and Disinterested: free of selfish motive.

Commanders, chiefs, NCOs—you have demonstrated the hard work and success that shape your character today. The concepts and ideas you come across daily mold your character and are laid out in a path that will be tested again and again. As you remain on that path, listen to your seniors, your peers, your spouses and children who all contribute to the wisdom you have today. As you exercise the power of your choices, do the right thing and make it prevail. We need people like you to inspire those around you persevere and make it better.

The experiences in your life and the ones you shed on others will not come from material rewards, as Jumper stated, but from moral and spiritual rewards that attend virtues of sacrifice, duty, honor and courage. It’s the essence of your character that is forging the path inspiring people around you.



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